MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the negative.

C. I. D. Officers at Public Functions in connection with Mr. M. E. Watts' Retirement.

315. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether, in connection with the public functions at Trivandrum on the 21st and the 22nd June connected with the retirement of Mr. M. E. Watts, from Dewanship, any C. I. D. Officers were deputed ;

(*b*) if so, the names of those officers ;

(*c*) the purpose of the deputation ;

(*d*) whether any C. I. D. Officers were deputed for duty at Bhaktivilas on the aforesaid two days ;

(*e*) if so, their names and purpose of the deputation ;

(*f*) whether they will lay on the table a copy of the report of the C. I. D. Officers ;

(*g*) which authority deputed the C. I. D. Officers ;

(*h*) whether he had the sanction or the permission of the Government to do so ;

(*i*) who (which officer) issued that sanction or permission ; and

(*j*) who communicated it ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*); (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) to (*j*) These questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, are the Government aware whether any of the officers attended those functions ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have no information.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Did the Government enquire after the question was asked ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This is the first information that the Government had.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : My question is, did the Government make an enquiry after the question was sent to them ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, the Commissioner of Police was asked and he says nothing was done.

Mr. Velayudha Menon's reported appointment as High Court Judge.

316. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to newspaper reports that Mr. K. P. Velayudha Menon of Madura had been appointed as a Judge of the High Court of Travancore ; and

(*b*) whether they know or whether they have enquired how these reports arose ?

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